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F.S.C. Students Shut Out By Faculty At Bargaining Table

THOSE WERE THE DAYS MY FRIEND - by Nina Michaud

Those were the days all right. Way back then when students and faculty used to sign the same petition, speak with the same voice and even laugh at the same campus jokes. So how does your campus jump from mutuality of the late 60's and early 70's? Simple - your faculty joins a union. Long negotiations behind closed doors. And then one day the entire campus must live by the Faculty Union contract. The "Collective Bargaining" process is through and now the Faculty Contract Agreement with the Administration brings to you a new All-College Council, a new governance system, a new brand of red tape. But most of all a new relationship with the student.

After two years of student input into the Faculty Union Agreement, so that someone would remember that students are part of the educational experience at FSC, the faculty has flatly refused to re-admit students to the bargaining table. Quote Faculty Newsletter: "recent experience has proven that the faculty interest is not advantaged, nor that of the College, by student participation. A review of student conduct regarding participation on Evaluation Committees and continued road-blocking at the All-College Council level are most recent items of evidence in these matters." If this truly represents the sentiment of the faculty at this college, Fitchburg State should be totally embarrassed!

Collective Bargaining has not only changed the economic due process of the professor, it has fundamentally changed the relationship between a faculty member and a student. More specifically, it has reversed the decade-old tendency of higher education in allowing students greater participation in decision-making. The same students that came out of the 60's with a Knights of the Round Table view of governance and education, are facing head on that the bargaining table isn't round at all. It has two sides. To persons on this campus who still cling to the idea that education is a participatory democracy, the faculty's ordering students out of the bargaining room is intellectually embarrassing.

The lock-out (or is it a reverse takeover?) is embarrassing in three ways. First, it betrays the community spirit between faculty and student which the Vietnam war brought forth on every campus. Secondly and more importantly perhaps, it betrays the official position of the Massachusetts State College System to endorse student participation in decision-making. The principle that students are "an institutional component coordinate in importance with Trustees, Administrators, and Faculty" does not come from the SDS but the AAUP, specifically from the American Association of University Professors statement on Government of Colleges and Universities, 1966! The most prestigious of all academic bodies, the AAUP, issued the following statement in 1970 whereby student participation in College and University government, dealing in areas from admissions policies to Faculty Evaluations is a necessity.

Students should "share in the exercise of responsible authority on Campus." For a student to be told in 1974-75 that he can not even independently listen to and verbalize his response to the negotiation over the size of the class he may be sitting in next semester is a monumental future shock!

Why then have faculty unions not only failed to seduce the students but in some cases have actually shot-gunned them into marrying the administration? The answer lies primarily in the intrinsic nature of Collective Bargaining and the type of professor who tends to dominate the faculty union; and secondly, in the major issues of negotiation and the vacation's over spirit of our times.

Excluded by the "representatives" of the Faculty Union from collective bargaining on this campus, though it was legitimate two years ago, will students see many gratuitous invitations from sympathetic faculty who wish to see the college change? In experience the faculty unions are dominated by two types of professor: the hungry "Have-nots" who want a bigger slice of the pie and the gastronomic "Haves" who don't want to loose their second helpings. You can guess who has the tenure and who doesn't publish!

Accordingly, the issues of Collective Bargaining are also species-preserving: "wages, salaries and conditions of employment," i.e. tenure, promotion, retrenchment, sabbaticals, etc. Unfortunately, this blanket of Collective Bargaining is warming the faculty, checking our education and suffocating the students. And there seems to be no one around with the solution, with a huge homespun quilt that covers both faculty and students or an afghan a little less suffocating.

Who's Roadblocking? Let's Set Things Straight

Scott Turner

In the Fitchburg State College Education Association Newsletter of November 30, 1974, it was stated that one of the reasons students are being denied participation in the Faculty Contract bargaining sessions is "That recent experience has proven that the Faculty interest is not advantaged, nor that of the College, by Student participation. A review of Student conduct regarding participation on Evaluation Committees and continued road blocking at the ALL College Council level are the most recent items of evidence in these matters."

As a member of the All-College Council, I would like to set the record straight as to who is sat through one meeting where MR. Hebb, who is the Faculty Union President, attempted to bulldoze over the student members

and hold elections for officers within the Council with only one of the student schedule on Wednesday, or were not notified of the meeting.

I have also sat through one attempt by Mr. Hebb to unseat the five student members present, on a contract technicality. A list of the students elected to the All-College Council was not submitted to the President's Office, thus Mr. Hebb stated that they were not certified members of the council.

At this time the Faculty Union has All College Council committee meetings at a stand still due to grievances filed against

the Administration. The All-College Council cannot operate effectively without reports from its committees.

It should be evident by now that any attempt at "road blocking" college tri-party government is coming from the faculty camp. I would hope that these policies are being carried on without the consent of the majority of the faculty. If this is the case, it's imperative that these faculty members voice their opinions now for there is only one conclusion to be drawn from silence... members (myself) present. The other four members were either tied up with classes due to a Monday

This is a copy of a letter being sent to all faculty members of Fitchburg State College

On September 12, 1974, Nina Michaud and myself attended a meeting of the F.S.C. E.A. I was there to explain the view held by students requesting student participation in collective bargaining. At this meeting a vote was taken by the association to allow students to participate as we had in the past. The vote was all in favor except for one abstain. I was very pleased by this show of collegiality and expected to return to the table with few problems. This idea was further advanced by Mr. Doug Hebb in conversation I had with him concerning collective bargaining. Well, needless to say, I was shocked by the faculty's team rejecting any student participation at the table. Now I would like to briefly explain the student's point of view so that you may make a fair judgement of the situation.

First of all, I never heard the Board "demand" student participation, only that the question be fully discussed.

Secondly, there were not five ground rules set up requested by students as stated in the F.S.C.E.A. Newsletter but four. We never asked for full participatory rights! If we had we would not have needed to ask for the other four; also, full participatory rights include the right to veto which I never asked for.

Thirdly, I asked for nothing that we hadn't had for the first two years of bargaining or what the F.S.C.E.A. had previously voted in favor of supporting.

Fourthly, the counter proposals seemed to be useless from our standpoint. We do not merely want to observe the procedure, we want to participate, and we want to participate as ourselves not tied to any one team.

As for the reasons stated by the faculty team for rejecting the students' proposal, I do not think they are valid. The first reason being that the faculty has the right to negotiate with management. I agree with this but cannot see how it precludes students.

The second reason that Chapter 150E Acts of 1974 indicate is collective bargaining by the two parties involved, the board and the faculty. Again I agree with this but cannot see how it precludes students. Also, I see a problem in the interpretation of Chapter 150E; there are not only two parties involved, there are three. The third is the students because ultimately everything on this campus affects us.

The third reason that deserves to be discussed has no interest to the students that would be separate from management. Well, I don't know how the faculty team can say this when they never asked us how we felt about the items up for discussion. I would like to make it clear that we are nobody's puppets and will not be used in this way by the management or the faculty.

The fourth reason is that student participation has been a hindrance to faculty interests and has caused road-blocking of the All College Council. First of all, I distinctly remember Mr. Hebb expressing his thoughts to students from another college that student participation is a great advantage at the bargaining table. He said he would support them at the table again. I would like to say that it was not the students who walked out of the All-College Council meetings and sub-committee meetings. It was the faculty who are not coming to the meetings required by their contract.

In closing I would like to say that I hope the faculty of F.S.C. will consider this letter as another view of the collective bargaining procedure. Again, I must ask your support in our request to be a participant at the collective bargaining table. I will be happy to answer any questions you have concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

Don Kemp



Mr. Dave Hebb

Merry Christmas

From The Cycle Staff

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LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR



To the Editor:

I wish to voice a complaint against our great Financial Aid Department. They were helpful in that they told me of the various financial opportunities which they offered. Well, it now nears the end of the semester, and I am still waiting for money from the B.O.E.G. program. I submitted this application to the Financial Aid Office during the second or third week of school in September.

It perplexes me how in these troubled times the Financial Aid Office takes so long to help a student receive funds. I know that my case is not the only one. But what really amazes me is how Mt. Wachusett Community College was able to get money to their students by October. It's a pity that there has to be a man and his secretary in that department who are incompetent. These people should be able to help the students in need in order to earn their salaries, instead of giving the same excuse every time a student enters their office. Since September, I have received the same excuse, "Oh, it will just be about three weeks before the money is in." One gets tired of this excuse all semester, especially as the semester draws to an end.

I have also applied for a Nursing Loan, with the same excuse. The only difference is that the excuse here has only been since the first of November. But here again, this excuse becomes old. Now that you have heard from Walter King and myself, let's hear from other students who have had this same difficulty. There seems to be more than just two of us in the student body.

Leonard O. LeBlanc Jr.

Ed. Note: Well, alright!

Dear Editor:

Thanksgiving 1974 arrives in the midst of serious world problems - recession at home and the spectre of starvation abroad.

The recent World Food Conference, coupled with the immediate threat of famine in Africa, India and Bangladesh, has awakened world concern.

New Englanders are responding, yet their shrinking pocketbook has caused them to scrutinize charitable giving as never before.

In a recently published book which investigates charities, the author is cri-

tical of many, but describes the International agency CARE as a "lean, hard-nosed, efficient organization". . . which has "demonstrated a remarkable amount of principle, dedication and determination. . . and a remarkable flexibility in adopting new programs to meet changing times and needs."

He concludes a full chapter on CARE by stating, "CARE is showing us a better way."

In today's difficult times CARE is realistically meeting the critical challenges faced by the world's needy, and we encourage every concerned New Englander to support our efforts.

To the Editor:

In reply to the student who felt that the athletic fee should be increased and that the \$4 allotment for a meal is justified, I say no. Since present fees are already at a high level, the athletic fee should be cut to give us all a break in our tuition. There isn't any justification for an increase. I feel that if the student wants to participate in athletics, he should pay a fee for the use of the gym. For those of us who do not use the gym, we shouldn't have to pay that fee.

Since we will all use the Student Union building, that fee is justified. That building will probably add much to Fitchburg's dull social life.

As for the \$4 per meal that the athletes get, if that student feels it is the duty of the Athletic Fund to provide him with a meal, he should feel it even more of a privilege to buy his own meal. Fees are high enough, and we are having trouble making ends meet, with no help from the Financial Aid Office! It's a wonder we are staying in school.

Since most of us are here for an education, sports is really the least of our interests, since good grades are more important than participating in sports.

Leonard O. LeBlanc Jr.

Ed. Note: All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!

To the Editor:

The Student Life Committee meets every Thursday and it deals with your rights as students. Your participation and input is vital!

Diane Heske
Box 515

To the Editor:

Lately many people around the campus at Fitchburg State have been complaining about the proposed \$10 - \$15 addition to the athletic fee. Before these people speak out or vote against this fee, I hope they will consider what an increase in the athletic fee will do for them if they let it.

People complain that intramurals do not get the attention they deserve, yet the program is almost the best it can be. More money is needed for better intramural program and a raise in the athletic fee could accomplish this. Then if we could get more students to participate in intramurals the fee would

be worth it.

Many people feel too much money is spent on varsity sports. I feel it's the other way around. The facilities here are very few compared to many other state colleges. We do not even have a training room so if someone in either varsity or intramural programs becomes injured he or she can not be attended to. Some of the varsity players can not even get a roll of tape to mend an injury. Money is needed badly to keep the athletic program on the upswing here at Fitchburg and the only way is through an increase in the Athletic Fee.

Maybe if some of the people who complain would participate in intramurals or attend a varsity event they might get their money's worth and feel better when it comes time to pay the \$10 - \$15 extra. Most sporting events at Fitchburg State are poorly attended especially by the girls who have some outstanding teams (if anyone cares to notice). Instead of complaining let's get out and support these teams.

I'm proud to be a member of the athletic program here at Fitchburg, but without your help I'm afraid both programs may go down hill. Let's hope not.

Larry Purtill

To: All Students
From: William H. Fitzgibbon, Associate Dean of Students

We hope this information will prove helpful in your transition from the fall semester to the spring semester.

Your bill for next semester will be mailed during the second week of December. It must be paid by January 9, 1975 or there will be a late-payment fee.

Your identification card is designed to last indefinitely but may be replaced, if necessary, at the Instructional Media Department in Edgerly Hall. This requires clearance from Student Personnel Services, which is located in C224 of the Administration Building, and the cost is two dollars.

Spring semester validation stickers to replace the fall semester sticker on the back of your college identification card will be distributed:

1. In the residence halls on January 20 and 21 to students living on campus. (Meal decals will be available at the dining hall).
2. In the Library Annex from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - to seniors and juniors on January 21;
- to sophomore on January 22;
- to freshmen on January 23.

SPORTS
EDITORIAL

VALERIE KOUTROBIS
SHARON SCOVILL

During the week of November 4, fluorescent signs could be seen in every nook and cranny of the school. These signs read, "Do you want a \$45 increase in tuition?" "Vote No at the meeting on Thursday, November 7, in Weston Auditorium." After inquiring to the whereabouts of the owner of these signs, I concluded that nobody seemed to know who wrote them, or really didn't care who wrote them. All the students knew was that there was going to be a \$45 increase in tuition and they were voting against it!

This is where YOU the students, SCREWED your athletic department and your student union. Sure the meeting was a success if you were just trying to fill Weston Auditorium with students. A good 90% of these students went to this meeting with one thing in mind, "They're not going to make ME pay more money, what do I get out of it?"

"Vote No, Vote No." was all that could be heard coming from small crowds standing around talking. Questionnaires were passed around. The students were asked to fill them out at the end of the meeting, most of them were filled out and passed in before the first speaker had spoken! I was appalled at the thought of such a wide spread case of APATHY at FSC. When the students at FSC are hit in their most prized possession, their "pocketbooks," then they become concerned, with themselves. Most of these students left this meeting just as ignorant about the controversial issue as when they came.

Concerning the athletic budget, I'm not saying there should be an increase, but don't stamp out the athletic department before you've heard them out! There's two sides to every story. Everyone of the faculty in the athletic department are willing to talk to any of you students who are oblivious to the "whys" and "wherefores" of the athletic fee and the department. The following information, I hope will help to enlighten you on the subject.

The present \$25 athletic fee is collected from all full-time day students. It is then compiled to see exactly how much money each sport will be allowed. The coaches then write up the amount they think they will need. In the women's and men's varsity sports the categories listed determine how much will go to these sports are, officials, travel, equipment, rental, miscellan-

eous, and personnel. The main category that raised so much concern was miscellaneous, this is concerned mostly with untied ends that no money is appropriated for. Dr. Battinelli will further discuss this in some questions that were submitted to him.

After the coaches compile their estimated figure, Dr. Battinelli and Mrs. Kruczek, athletic directors, then review these proposals and make adjustments until the figure is agreed on by all. The proposed budget then goes before the Athletic Council and then to the Board of Trustees. It then becomes accepted or turned down.

The most widely asked question among many students was, "Why should I pay an increase, when there has been a cut back in the intramural program? I don't have time to play varsity sports, yet more of my money is spent on the varsity teams, I don't think that's fair."

Others say, "Why should I pay an athletic fee at all, I don't use the gym, I'm not in any sport, I can't benefit!"

Let me ask you this question, how much of your tuition do you think goes to the department you major in? In answer to those who don't become involved in the athletic programs all I can say is I feel sorry for you. The gym is there for you just as much as for anyone else. Have you ever used our tennis courts or outdoor basketball courts? They are yours for the asking.

Have you ever been to a soccer game? How about field hockey, ice hockey or basketball games? The admission is always free.

In regards to an article written in an earlier issue of the CYCLE, it was stated that, "There is a theory that varsity sports bring in more money than they put out. I personally cannot see how this can be true of Fitchburg's varsity system. On this campus a concession stand would be lucky to break even!"

Our varsity system brings something worth a hell of a lot more than money could do! If you have ever seen any of our varsity teams play you will understand.

Our soccer team may not have had a winning season, but they represented our school well and you

should be proud of them. The same goes for the field hockey team and tennis team. The cross country team made a good showing, we have some excellent runners that go unheard of. The girl's basketball team has an excellent team and every one of the girls deserves a great deal of recognition along with their coach Miss Nole. The boy's basketball team has come a long way in the past two years. Coach Martin has done a great deal with his team and they should be recognized also. Furthermore, FSC has one of the best intramurals programs of any state school. The students want more money spent on intramurals, but every one I've asked as to what the money could be spent on has drawn a blank. Intramurals do not need the officials and equipment like varsity sports do. Some state schools don't have an intramural program, yet all their students pay an athletic fee. The following is a list of athletic fees from other state schools for the 74-75 year, and a proposed athletic fee for 75-76.

Dr. Battinelli was unable to attend the meeting on November 7, but he sent two representatives from the athletic council, Diane Herlihy and Phil Smith. Again the athletic department was let down. None of Dr. Battinelli's views were expressed through either of these two representatives. Many questions were asked and both of them failed to answer. Phil Smith seemed to oppose the Athletic Council instead of back it. That kind of knife in the back, the Athletic Department could do without. Dr. Battinelli confronted us with the problem and asked us to make a list of some of the questions asked at the meeting. We asked many students and this is what we came up with. Dr. Battinelli answered them as best he could.

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The Athletic Department needs your support, because you are the ones to benefit. Give Dr. Battinelli and the rest of the faculty members a chance. If you don't agree to give them a chance, think of your fellow students, they should be given the chance just the same. Before you put the increase down, look into it carefully--then decide!

COLLEGE	ATHLETIC FEE 1974-75	PROPOSED ATHLETIC FEE
Boston	\$30	\$40
Bridgewater	\$27	\$46
Fitchburg	\$25	?
Framingham	\$25	\$35
Lowell	\$25	\$25
Mass. Maritime	\$40	\$60
North Adams	\$35	\$35
Salem	\$25	\$35
Westfield	\$35	?
Worcester	\$25	\$35

A BLACK SPEAKS OUT ON BUSING

Romauld C. Jones

The busing controversy is raging throughout the country, and threatening to undermine, even retard, the advancement of learning. Proponents and opponents of busing stage rallies with alarming regularity. Unfortunately, many of these erupt into hostilities.

Busing has been instituted as a legitimate way of achieving desegregation of de facto and de jure segregated schools. Despite this, a great majority of Americans, although favoring integration of public schools, oppose busing. Even blacks, according to one recent poll, oppose busing by a tremendous margin of 10-1.

Over the past several years blacks have more or less ostracized themselves from the busing issue. However, they are neither apathetic nor lethargic about schools. Blacks have always sought quality education for their children, even if it meant that their children had to be bused to the only good schools around at the time - white schools. But during the turbulent sixties when the civil rights movement was surging forward, blacks realized that desegregated schools were controlled by whites, and, more importantly, programmed to meet white middle class interests. They also discovered, to their alarm, that because of busing the black

community had no say whatsoever in the education of their children and since they view most of the policies of integrated school systems as repugnant to black values and self understanding a deplorable tendency toward voluntary desegregation developed.

Today even the notion that black schools are by definition inferior to white ones is being challenged by blacks. They contend that it is not white presence, but white community power over money and policy, that has made predominantly white schools superior. Because they feel this way black legislators and community leaders believe that schools serving black communities can also become superior if they too are adequately funded. Thus, the trend today is the advocacy of massive increases in government aid to these schools. Most black communities are poor and cannot fund their schools through property taxes. Many blacks would just as well have the money being used to upgrade the quality of education in their communities. Good black schools may just attract white students in search of a good urban education. Thus integration will at least be a reciprocal process.

But until such is done blacks will have to settle for busing. They will never wholly oppose it, but as a primary goal it is lacking.

The Extraordinary Minister: Ordinary Christian

Next Sunday, December 8, at the Newman Center, an ancient tradition of the Catholic church will be restored. Seven members of the Catholic community on campus will be commissioned, by Bishop Bernard Flanagan, to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion.

In March, 1971, Pope Paul IV granted permission to the bishops of the United States to authorize members of the faithful, under certain conditions to distribute Holy Communion. Historical documentation proves that among the practices of the early church, it was common that the faithful took part in this sacred rite. It was also common, until the eighth century, that the Eucharist was kept at home as a provision and, as a consequence, one could receive communion by himself or even carry it to the house of another to share the Sacred Eucharist. Many changes in the Catholic Church bring both the promise of good things and the threat of new tasks. We are faced with the unknown and tend to seek refuge in the familiar. One very positive change is the increasing number of persons who are beginning to see the reception of Holy Communion as a fuller participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy.

More and more persons are identifying themselves as Christians through this actual living and physical response. Too often, as a result of this fuller participation, the celebration is prolonged because of the large numbers of persons receiving Communion. This necessitates a further change.

Catholics, who by their baptism, share in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ are called from the community to assist in the communal celebration of the Mass. The priest is the ordinary minister because he is the central celebrant, however when the need arises, other Christians may be called to assist him.

It would be an empty gesture for the Christian community to merely return to the practice of the early church. The permission of 1971 that allows for the extraordinary minister intends more than this. Combining past discipline with the needs and problems of the modern age, it will allow the faithful to participate more fully in the Eucharistic celebration through the calling of one of the community to a fuller participation. The extraordinary minister is not ordained. He or she is not a priest. They are lay persons. They are ordinary Christians called to a role of extraordinary service. He or she is what all Christians proclaim themselves to be, they represent all Christians and are a sign of their communal pledge to serve one another.

Extraordinary Ministers Designated At F.S.C.

History will be made at Fitchburg State College on Sunday, December 8 when Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan D.D. will designate seven people as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. The ceremony will take place during the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Newman Center.

Community members designated for this new ministry are: Sr. Katherine M. McKenna P.B.V.M. of the Newman Center staff; John Power, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Power of Jamaica Plain; Sherrill Vanasse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vanasse of Fall River; Robert McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin of Easton; Patricia Neault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Neault of Sharon; Mark Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan of Shrewsbury and Loretta Perodeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perodeau of Fitchburg.

Extraordinary Ministers will assist Reverend James Houston, College Chaplain, in the distribution of Holy Communion during Masses at the Newman Center.

The college community is invited to attend the celebrated Mass and meet Bishop Flanagan after Mass.

Congratulations Sister Katherine

Sister Katherine McKenna P.B.V.M. of the Newman Center staff has been honored by the Diocese of Worcester for her service to youth in the diocese. She was the recipient of the "For God and Youth Award" at the 19th Youth Congress of the Diocese of Worcester held recently at Anna Maria College in Paxton. In presenting the award to Sister Katherine, Father Charles Dumphy, director of the Catholic Youth Department read the following citation:

"Your Excellency, I have the privilege of presenting to you, Sister Katherine McKenna P.B.V.M., a staff member of the Catholic Campus Ministry of Fitchburg State College. In seeking to make religious life more meaningful in today's world, Sister has had the foresight and courage to venture into a new ministry.

"Her creativity and willingness to be open to youth has led her to the secular college campus where she counsels students, prepares meaningful liturgies, organizes community-service projects with the students, as well as administers the day-by-day program.

"For her witness to the world as to what a religious is, we ask that you award to her the Catholic Youth Council Medal ... for God and Youth."

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The European Job Card system does two things for you. It puts your name on a job list, and it initiates processing of your job and the necessary working papers. As this is an advance planning system, students interested in earning their way to Europe should obtain their European Job Cards well in advance of their anticipated departure. Job cards and jobs are given out on a non-profit, first come, first served basis.

The service is provided by Student Overseas Service. SOS has placed thousands of students in temporary paying jobs in Europe during the past ten years. Throughout the year SOS conducts orientation periods in Luxembourg, Europe, to make certain that every student who wants a job gets off to a good start. Large numbers of students from all over the U.S. converge in Luxembourg to attend these orientations.

Students interested in making it on their own in Europe may obtain complete information, including job listings and descriptions and application forms, by sending their name, address, the name of their school (only students are eligible) and \$1 to cover overseas postage, handling and printing, to: SOS - Student Overseas Services, 22 Ave. de la Liberte, Luxembourg, Europe. Inquiries are answered the day they are received. A job registration form is available in the Cycle office.



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L.I.V.E. Looks At Harvard Recycling



Mrs. Krocher of the League of Women Voters
at the Harvard dump recycling area and Bent Lorentzen
of LIVE discussing recycling ideas



The lion's van - recycling used furniture
along with the bottle and can dumpster



The bottle smasher, a home made rig that pulverizes glass



Self explanatory story



A booze party - recycle it!



The van that the Paper Recycling Co.
leaves at the dump for recyclable paper

The Killing Bridge

By Walter Richardson

In 1915 a bridge was completed over the Squannacook River joining Shirley and West Groton, Mass. Model T's and other vehicles of that time chugged over the bridge, and it seemed to be wide and strong enough.

In 1969 the bridge was exactly the same except that the road had been paved a few times. Obviously, cars and trucks had changed in size, and speed capacities from the beginning of the century; and the road to the bridge grew narrower. In fact, the bridge is only twenty-and-one-half feet in width. The average width of a late model car is around eight feet.

There are many sharp curves on 225. The Shirley side of the river has a steep grade and a blind curve before the bridge. Coming from West Groton you have to drive up to get across.

In the last five years on the Shirley side of the bridge three automobiles have smashed through the bridge resulting in five accidental drownings.

The first of the five deaths was in 1969 when two soldiers smashed through the steel pipe on the left hand side of the bridge at high speed and landed in about twenty feet of water. There was a survivor in the accident and he said he and his friend were testing out a car that his friend wanted to buy. He had never gone over the bridge before.

He admitted that he and his friend were going too fast, as one does when trying out a car, and that he lost control as he approached the bridge. The results concluded the accident was due to high speed. However, certainly the out-dated road and bridge contributed to the accident.

The State of Massachusetts must have assumed that it was the high speed because they never even sent an investigator to the scene of the accident. The Towns of Groton and Shirley never even got a reply to their inquiry from the state.

The day after the accident the steel rail was pulled out of the water, straightened, and the same rail welded into place. However, the bridge wasn't through.

Then on September 15, 1973, about midnight the police tower was notified of a bad accident on the Route 225 bridge. Shirley and Groton Rescue Squads responded and found a 1968 Ford Galaxie sedan had ripped through the rail and rested in about 30 feet of water.

Mr. Johnson of the Groton rescue squad hitched up the winch to the vehicle and a wrecker pulled it out. Two male victims were removed and pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Hopkins, the cause of deaths given as accidental drowning.

The victims were Richard C. Ballarino, 21, and James Mohundro, 21.

Shirley Police Chief Saball estimated the rescue operations took three quarters of an hour and that it was impossible to determine who was the driver of the car since both bodies were in the back seat.

Town officials as well as Mr. Johnson now felt that this rail had to be replaced. So on September 16, 1973, Mr. Johnson wrote a letter to the State Engineering Corps telling of the new fatalities and the urgent need to have this out-dated bridge repaired.

Mr. Johnson received a letter sometime after from James Kelly, Maintenance Engineer, Executive Office of Transportation and Construction of the Department of Public Works. Kelly said that a steel ribbon fence was constructed on galvanized-six inch-H post, to replace the existing fence.

However, when Mr. Johnson went down to the bridge it wasn't. The only thing that was done was the steel railing had again been pulled back into shape and welded together.

Mr. Johnson then called the Engineers stating there was a mistake about the repairs but to no avail. Representative George Shattuck himself also contacted the D.P.W. on the same issue but he too was given the run-around.

On August 17, 1974 tragedy struck again as a 1971 Mustang coupe smashed through the rail, travelling halfway across the river before settling on its roof in thirty feet of water.

Again Mr. Johnson donned diving gear and connected the winch to pull the car out. The results were the same as before. Donald Powell, 18 and Anthony D. Bennett, 17, were pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Bertrand Hopkins, the cause of the deaths given as accidental drowning.

Five deaths and the same deadly railing that Mr. Johnson said was not even as strong as water pipe was still hanging from its original post.

The first thing the following Monday, Johnson called Mr. Kelly at the Department of Public Works. Mr. Kelly was not in but, John Curley of the same office was at the bridge the same afternoon.

At the bridge he was welcomed by Groton and Shirley town officials. According to Groton Police Chief Mayo Darling, the Commissioner of the D.P.W. arranged for a meeting at his office to discuss ways to minimize problems on the bridge.

It's too bad this meeting was just five years too late.

POST-MORTEM CORRECTIONS

In the months that followed the accident of August 1974 repairs on the bridge finally took place.

State engineers removed this killing piece of pipe and replaced it with a steel ribbon fence. The railing is constructed on galvanized six inch H post. The same fence the State claimed was put up in 1973.

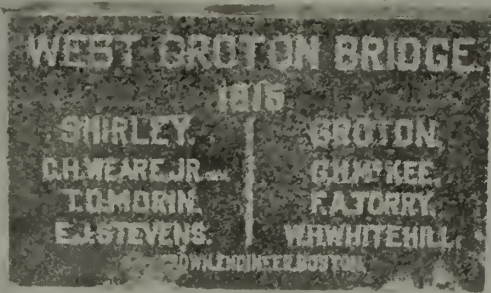
The road (225) also has been painted with double yellow lines. A few warning signs have been placed strategically on the blind curve and only time will tell if they work. (See box D)

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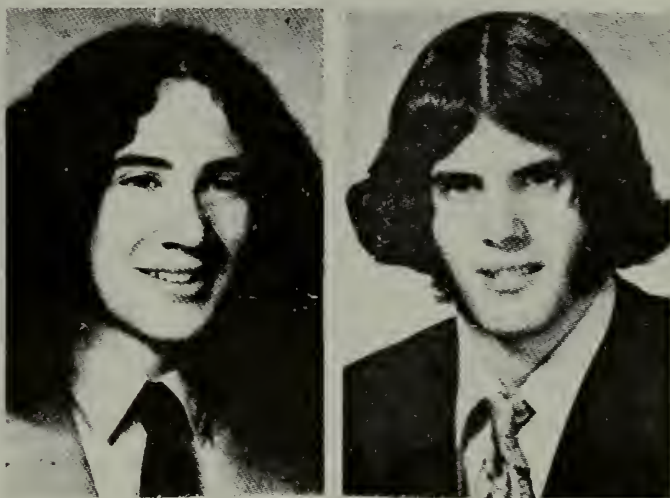
All of the photographs taken at the Killing Bridge were taken by Andrew Sled-zick of Pepperell, Mass.



This is the view coming on to the bridge from W. Groton.



This photograph was taken on the West Groton shore of the Squannacook River. The X marked A shows where the automobiles crashed through the fence. The one marked B shows where the cars landed.



Tony D. Bennett--Donald A. Powell-victims of the 1974 crash



This is the set of signs that marked the corner in 1973.

NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memory Of

MARY C. LEGER

Thomson Hall - Housekeeper

October 27, 1974

One of the very pleasant things about friendship...
the do you remember moments.

If anyone sells Tupperware or trims hair,
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I need some of both.

Patricia Cuthbert of Acton
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Looking for male roommate to be
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Call Henry or Jim at 343-9867.

Dear Poop,

I love your bum...

Ed

MOHAWKS ON TARGET

Mark J. Coughlan

The MOHAWK Club is proud to announce that John Quinn, pledge class of 1974, is one of the seventeen active MOHAWKS on campus. John was unaccounted for when the Cycle published its column on pledgers in its November 1 issue, and we felt that John deserves recognition.

The HAWKS just finished up some new business on Saturday evening, November 23, by formally installing four new members into the executive board of the club. They are: John Quinn, Treasurer; Mike Grenier, Social Chairman; Fred "The Spread" Baran, Recording Secretary; and Mark Coughlan, Corresponding Secretary.

Socially, on Tuesday, November 26, the annual hayride open to club members and their dates, was held at the Silver Ranch in Jaffrey, N. H. and pro-

ved once again to be a very successful and enjoyable time.

With the last few days of school upon us, the club will be promoting various activities on campus, one of which is "Toys For Joy." This is a program run by the MOHAWK Club every year at this time whereby we collect broken or damaged toys from the local department stores, as well as donations from the student body, make any repairs possible, and distribute throughout the area to the needy children for Christmas. This program has been successfully run every year since 1955, and we are hoping for a lot of support.

As of now, the club is organizing an all college party to be held at a later date, probably within a week or two after everyone returns from the holidays. Any activities to be held by the club before the vacation, will be announced at the proper time...

MATH OPEN HOUSE

Math students and teachers from area high schools and colleges are invited to an open house at Fitchburg State College on Saturday morning, December 7. Dr. Earl Myers of General Electric Company and Mr. Dom Pino and Mr. Dick Morway of Raytheon Corporation will join the college's mathematics faculty in a program describing career opportunities in mathematics. (A bachelors degree in mathematics can lead to a career in statistics, operations research, actuarial science, or com-

puter science as well as teaching). After a refreshment break, the second part of the program will be concerned with individual perspectives of mathematics that often are overlooked in the classroom.

The formal program will be held in the Science Lecture Hall at Fitchburg State College from 9:00 to 11:30 in the morning. Afterwards, there will be computer demonstrations and an opportunity for informal discussions. For more information, call the college math department at 345-2151, extension 337.

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Early Childhood Education

Over 50 Fitchburg State College Early Childhood Education students, faculty members and teachers from neighboring

communities are attending the North East Kindergarten Conference in Boston, Friday, December 6. The conference is designed to provide teachers of young children with innovative but practical ideas for teaching basic concepts and stimulating a love of learning.

Anyone desiring information about the conference can contact Dr. George Miller or Mrs. Irene Passios.

There will be a reunion of all students who made the Newman Center retreat recently at the Newman Center on Sunday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

The annual Christmas Midnight Mass will be celebrated at the Newman Center on Saturday, December 14. The celebration will include carols and an opportunity for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

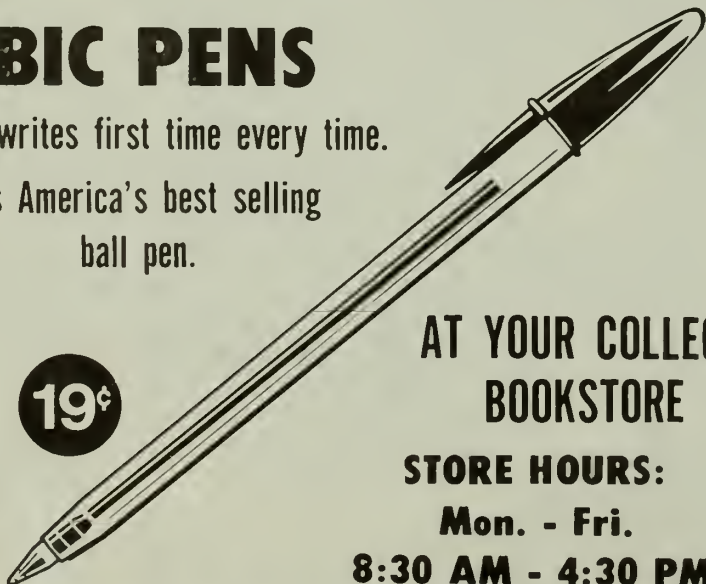
The Newman Center would like to give students an opportunity to try out their artistic talents. Would you be interested in painting a Nativity scene on the front doors of the Center?

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SPORTS

BATTINELLI ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Questions:
1. Why has intramural hockey been dropped?
2. Why isn't more money put into intramural and recreational activity budgets?
3. Do intramurals require more money for activity operation?
4. Why is there no access to the Y.M.C.A. pool?
5. Why is there no universal gym?

Answer:
As mandated by the trustees, athletic budget monies are primarily directed toward the operation of varsity programs. Intramural programs are limited by available facilities, and do not require much money to operate in general. Salaries for supervisory personnel make up the bulk of such a budget. In activities such as ice hockey, swimming and ice skating, rental fees are required. Within a limited total amount of money these activities could not be conducted. In regard to the "universal gym," money was not available after funding the total program.

Question:
6. Why is money spent on trivial things such as sneakers and socks for certain varsity sports?
Answer:
Socks and sneakers are parts of the full uniform. The school pays for 1/2 the price up to a maximum of \$8. Prior to this, the school bought and paid for these necessary items.

Question:
7. Is there any possibility of providing busses for spectators, to attend away games?
Answer:
No, since this practice would add a considerable financial addition to an already steadily increasing budget.

Question:
8. Why can't money from men's athletics be taken away and put into women's programs?
Answer:
Both budgets are approved by the Athletic Council. Up to now adequate

money has been made available for both programs. However, if the fee is not raised, these programs will have to be limited to a greater degree.

Question:
9. If the fee is increased, will there be

Question:
10. Does left over money go to general funds or to the athletic council?
Answer:
All monies left over and not spent remain in the athletic council fund. In reference to the possibility of money remaining after this year's funds have been expended it would certainly depend on a fee raise. However, a fee raise must be approved by:

1. Athletic Council
 2. President
 3. Student Life Committee
 4. Trustees
- This process takes time and if a fee raise is approved, it would probably apply to the 1975-76 academic year.

Question:
11. What does miscellaneous in the athletic budget entail?
Answer:
Meals, Awards, Physical Examinations, Dues, Towels, Uniform Reconditioning, First Aid Supplies.

Question:
12. What do cheerleaders need \$2,000 a year for?
Answer:
Coach, Travel, Supplies, (Uniforms), Meals.

Question:
13. Why does men's basketball get so much more money than other sports?
Answer:
Ice hockey is our highest budgeted program due to ice time costs for practices and games, over a season extending from October to the end of February. Added to this are expenses for officials, campus police, doctor, and timer.

SPORTS ARE IMPORTANT: A LOOK AT JIM SHEEHAN

LORI BARTELLONI

During the height of controversy that was brought on by the threat of a rise in the proposed Athletic Fee, I was fortunate enough to talk to Mr. Jim Sheehan, men's track coach and P.E. instructor here at F.S.C. Sheehan was relaxed and congenial, and seemed interested in getting a few facts straight concerning the fee proposal. First, I asked him if it was true that Mr. Battinelli asked all the coaches to cut down their budgets by 15%. Sheehan confirmed this, and added that this year a student pays \$12.50 a semester, for his athletic fee whereas last year the student paid \$25.00 (non-refundable) at the start of the first semester. This is bound to have a great effect as in the cases of students who drop out first semester. Also, this budget cut stemmed partially from the decrease in student enrollment.

Sheehan seemed perplexed by this 15% cut. He figured out a new budget and approached Battinelli. "I said 'Mr. Battinelli, if I cut down my budget by 15%, I'm going to have a total of \$100 for three sports!' I put down exactly what I needed ... it really hurt to cut the budget down." As a result of this cut, Sheehan feels that track is in the most financial difficulty of all sports. Sheehan is lacking equipment more than ever because of the cut.

"I think I have the only track team in the state without starting blocks. We have NO hurdles or practice place of our own. St. Bernard's, where we used to practice, put a fence where the pole-vault pit is ... we can't have regulation meets there." As things stand, he uses the Fitchburg Armory (by permission of the mayor) and the Bentley College facilities.

"I may do things - with difficulty - without equipment, but my money was taken out as far as meets. We don't have any indoor facilities here. All my meets have to be at other people's places."

The team members are paying for most meets themselves. "I can't say in our regular season 'we have enough money for one meet so I want you to practice all winter long for this one meet'."

Sheehan notes that all other sports have the general facilities, and their cutbacks may include a few nets or basketballs. Track not only lacks facilities but equipment as well.

"I'm also the only coach in the state without a high-jump or pole-vault mat!"

Questioned about how he feels that women's track has more money in its budget but less participants and meets, Sheehan simply said "confused".

"It would be fine if they had more participants and more meets, but when I have twice as many people and twice as many meets I just can't understand it."

Sheehan feels that the problem doesn't lie in the allocation of funds, it's just that the funds are insufficient. For example, it was a former custom of the college to pay for track shoes to run in. Last year the college would absolutely pay 1/2 the cost of the shoe. This year, the college pays 1/2 up to the amount of \$8.00. If the shoes are much more than \$16.00, the college will still only pay the top amount of \$8.00.

"Somebody's going to suffer no matter how you set it up," added Sheehan.

To run the Athletic Program effectively, Sheehan believes that an increase in the present budget is imperative.

"Sports are important. Education is more than just four walls ... between two bookcovers. It (sports) makes for a more well-rounded person. One of my men runs cross-country, winter track, and spring track, plays in the school jazz band, is married, and works. He's a more well-rounded person than the one who gets straight 4.0's by constantly studying."

However, he realizes that everything takes time, and an increase could only alleviate the problem partially because of red tape in the construction of good facilities. For example, where we have three tennis courts Bridge-water State has 24! Facilities do help!

At the end of our conversation Sheehan summed it up nicely:

"It's hard because I am biased toward athletics, and I would like the opportunity to do things correctly and not make people suffer, whether it's male or female. If they want to participate in a team sport or an individual sport I don't see why they shouldn't be allowed to."

"For example, we are in the indoor track season - we practice in the snow and rain because girls' volleyball and basketball and men's basketball fill up the gym. The kids are so dedicated that they even shoveled off the track a couple of times last year so they could run. If you want something bad enough you'll get it ... I take my pole-vaulter to Bentley College every Saturday morning to practice!"

Certainly a dedicated coach and dedicated athletes deserve more than slurs and shoddy treatment.



Men's Basketball Schedule 1974-75 Season

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY (H/A)	TIME
Dec. 6	New Paltz State College	(A)	7 & 9 p.m.
Dec. 7	Basketball Tournament New Paltz, N.Y.	(A)	7 & 9 p.m.
Dec. 10	Bridgewater State College	(A)	6 & 8 p.m.
Dec. 12	Lowell	(A)	8 p.m.
Dec. 16	Squires Basketball Classic	(A)	6:30 & 8:15 p.m.
Dec. 17	Kean College, New Jersey	(H)	7:30 & 9 p.m.
Jan. 2	Westfield State College	(H)	8 p.m.
Jan. 4	North Adams State College	(A)	8 p.m.
Jan. 9	Worcester State College	(A)	6 & 8 p.m.
Jan. 11	Framingham State College	(H)	8 p.m.
	Mt. Wachusett J.V.	(H)	6 p.m.
Jan. 18	Eastern Conn. State College	(A)	6 & 8 p.m.
Jan. 25	Worcester State College	(H)	6 & 8 p.m.
Jan. 28	Bridgewater State College	(H)	6 & 8 p.m.
Jan. 30	Mass. Maritime Academy	(A)	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Framingham State College	(A)	8 p.m.
Feb. 3	Southeastern Mass. University	(A)	6 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 6	Salem State College	(A)	8 p.m.
Feb. 8	North Adams State College	(H)	8 p.m.
Feb. 11	Lowell	(H)	8 p.m.
	W.I.T.I. Junior Varsity	(H)	6 p.m.
Feb. 18	Boston State	(H)	8 p.m.
Feb. 20	Suffolk	(A)	3 p.m.
Feb. 22	Westfield State	(A)	6 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 24	Boston State	(A)	8 p.m.
March 1	Salem State	(H)	8 p.m.
	Fort Devens J.V.	(H)	6 p.m.

Dumpsters, Chumpsters, Champsters!

The first event of intramural sports ended with some different results. For the first time in ten years, a fraternity's name will not be engraved on the football trophy. Although the name of the Pranksters will be new to the trophy, it is not new to the campus. It is apparent that some of the motives behind the Pranksters are questionable, but as shown here they are a fine upstanding group of men. Some of the key athletic figures of the Pranksters are missing from the photo but they are there is spirit.

The Pranksters accomplished something that has been attempted through campus history. Yes, they had their cake and ate it too.



A Glimpse Of Camp Fatima

by Diane Grande

On Thursday, October 31, the Special Ed Club held its second meeting. There was a good crowd of people who came to hear the guest speaker, Fr. John Martin. This man has been responsible for providing exceptional children with the most exciting week of their life. He is responsible for Camp Fatima and has dedicated 14 years to this camp and has deep love and understanding for these children.

After seeing the slides of the activities at camp, everyone was filled with the excitement emanating from this man. The programs are all unique in theme. It is set up so that each child has an older volunteer buddy. The smiles on their faces showed the fun the children and counselors were having. This was an unforgettable experience!

We wish to thank all members of the club for their support. Anyone wishing to join the club can come to the next meeting in December.

Fraternity Charged With Manslaughter

(CPS) - Wet sand, a six foot grave and fraternity hazing resulted in one student being buried alive and seven others charged with manslaughter in New Jersey.

The death occurred during a Zeta Beta Tau initiation ceremony on a beach near Monmouth College in West Long Branch, NJ.

According to Jack Genung, editor of the Monmouth College Outlook, ZBT pledges were required to dig six-foot deep "graves" in the sand, then lie down in them while seven fraternity brothers walked by and sprinkled sand on them.

As the Taus walked past the line of graves, they noticed there was one hole missing.

Police and fire officials arrived too late to save William Flowers, 19, whom they pulled from the sand and pronounced dead of asphyxiation. According to Genung, wet sand - probably caused by a recent rainfall - had caused the grave to collapse on Flowers.

Police charged the seven Monmouth College ZBT brothers with manslaughter. Arraignment has been scheduled for November 25.

Genung told CPS that Monmouth College has been flooded with wire service and television news reporters who were attempting to connect the death with the fact that Flowers was the first black student to be pledged by the Monmouth ZBT's.

"There were no racial overtones," said Genung. "It's bad enough that it (the story) made the front page of the New York Times. Now everyone on campus is just keeping quiet."

FRESHMAN CLASS WILL HOLD FIRST CLASS MEETING

The Freshman Class will hold their first class meeting of the year, Thursday December 12 during the All-College period in Weston Auditorium. There are many things that have to be done by the class, primarily concerning the upcoming Winter Carnival. The Freshmen have a very busy schedule ahead of them and without the support of the class, these tasks will be too difficult for the officers themselves.

The Winter Carnival is traditionally sponsored by the Freshman Class. They are responsible for planning a week of events. Their main concern is the planning of a formal dinner and dance. This takes a lot of time and PEOPLE! We are very far behind as it is and would appreciate some help from any interested students.

We hope that some of the concerned Freshmen will give us some of their time and ideas for the planning of this dance. We want it to be the best that F.S.C. has ever seen! Remember, we have three more years together as a class, so let's get together and work together for a fantastic class!

Don't forget to attend the meeting on Thursday, December 12!

Sincerely,
Freshman Class officers
John Cricketta - President
Bruno Onokala - Vice President
Judy Chalifoux - Secretary
Mary Puliafico - Treasurer

Athletic Council Meets

On Thursday, November 15, 1974, the Athletic Council met. Members present included Mr. Thomas Battinelli, Ms. Betty Haskins, Ms. Betty Kruczek, Mr. Edward Driscoll, Dean Fitzgibbon, Mr. Philip Smith, Ms. Diane Herlihy, and Ms. Claudette Daly.

Clarification was made that FSC Athletic Council was not proposing a \$15.00 raise in the Athletic Fee as was the belief of many students; rather, the Council is merely investigating the possibility of a raise in the Athletic Fee.

Philip Smith reported his findings on the Student Poll which was held last Thursday. The results of this poll are as follows,

Question 1 - Are you satisfied with the present athletic budget spendings? Yes - 52; 10%; No - 365; 70.4%; undecided - 101; 19.4%. Total vote cast - 518.

Question 2 - Where have you gotten use out of your athletic fee? Intramurals - 110, 20%; Varsity Sports - 43, 7%; Other - 25, 6%; None - 369, 67%. Total votes cast - 517.

Question 3 - Would you be in favor of an increase in the present fee of \$25.00? Yes - 18, 3.5%; No - 489, 95.6%; Maybe - 4, .7%. Total votes cast - 511.

Question 4 - Do you approve of an athletic fee at all? Yes - 290, 59.8%; No - 190, 49.2%. Total votes cast - 480.

Some of the general comments concerned the instituting of more intramurals and recreational activities. Displeasure was expressed as to the distribution of funds, (i.e. meal allowance, not enough open gym time, women should be getting more money.) Emphasis was placed on the procedure for increasing the present athletic fee. This process would entail getting the approval of the Athletic Council, sending it to the Executive President, and passing it on to the Student Life Committee for a student referendum. The final step would then be to send it to the Board of Trustees for approval. If at any point the proposed fee is rejected, there is a very small chance of the fee ever becoming a reality.

It was noted that the instituting of a good recreational activity would cost a great deal of money, at the same time keeping competitive with the varsity level. On the question of the meal allowance it was stated that there is very little possibility of obtaining a decent meal for under \$4.00. It was stated that whenever possible the athletic teams attempt to eat in the cafeterias of the schools they are visiting.

The point was made that the men's basketball team pays half for the sneakers for the team, and the individual team member pays for the other half. Clarification was made that only one pair of shoes per team member is paid for in this manner during a season. The men's athletic teams own cheap uniforms for practice purposes and save their better uniforms for actual competitions. On the other hand the women's teams do not have enough warm-up suits to distribute among the girls, as a result they practice in their own personal clothing.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that FSC has tried to keep a balanced program between intramurals and varsity sports. The point was made that other colleges such as Worcester State have no intramurals what-so-ever.

The question was raised as to how important athletic varsity sports are to this campus. The answer is that there is among the students an interest in varsity sports as well as a mandate from the Board of Trustees saying that at least one varsity sport is needed.

RENAME THE CYCLE!

We're having a contest to see who can come up with the most original name for the paper. Submit your entry in the Cycle mailbox or slip it under the door.

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Entrys will be judged by
the Cycle staff.

F.S.C. Christmas Concert

The Fitchburg State College Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium. Performing will be the Concert Choir, directed by David Rousseau, the Women's Chorus, conducted by Richard Kent, and the FSC Band, Jazz-Rock and Woodwind Ensembles led by Frank Patterson. The concert will feature: Traditional seasonal music by the Concert Choir and Women's Chorus; a performance of the Andante Movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 and the theme from Rachmaninoff's "Variations on a Theme of Paganini" both played by sophomore Nursing student, Patti Sullivan with the FSC Band; two selections by the dynamic Jazz-Rock Ensemble; an appearance by the new Woodwind Ensemble and a medley of Christmas and Israeli songs by the Concert Band.

The Concert promises to put everyone into a happy holiday spirit. Forget your exams for a night and enjoy yourself. Admission to the concert is free and the public is invited.

N.S.A. COMMUNITY PROJECT

'Twas the night before Christmas...? No! 'Twas a week before Thanksgiving when the Nursing Students Association held their Christmas wrap-in. Toys collected by students and faculty were repaired and beautifully wrapped and now await distribution to underprivileged children in the Fitchburg area. We regret that we will not see the smiling and happy faces of these children, yet we hope that the true spirit of Christmas will be with them.

The N.S.A. wishes to thank all those who helped us help someone else. We extend special thanks to those who participated in the wrap-in: Kay O'Connor, (faculty advisor), Mary Daily, (vice president), Jock Stetz, Meg Low, Becky Howell, Soo Hong, Carol Smith, Louise Bombardiere, Pam Coffran, Pat Sampson, Denise Duval, Harriet Sanctemonte, Nancy Ratcliffe and Ellen Quintal.

Merry Christmas
Everyone!

Steven T. Palermo, N.S.A.
President

WATCH FOR SANTA ON CAMPUS

The Human Services Department is sponsoring a "Christmas For Children" drive next week. The Department is collecting toys (new or in good usable condition) that will be given to needy foster children in the Fitchburg-Leominster area for Christmas. All toys and donations will be handed over to the Division of Children and Family Services in Fitchburg where toys will be bought and distributed to their foster children.

There will be a Christmas Box For Toys and a Money Jar in the Library from December 9 through 13, where all toys and donations may be brought. Also Santa will be on campus, in front of Thompson Hall, next Wednesday (December 11) from 1 - 3:30 collecting toys and money.

Let's help those who have less than us. Help these children have the happy Christmas they deserve. Support this drive with your donations and be a Special Friend to a child this Christmas!

CONCERTS

BOSTON GARDEN

George Harrison Tues., Dec. 10

Yes Wed., Dec. 11

ORPHEUM THEATER

Labelle Fri., Dec. 6

Blue Oyster Cult Sat., Dec. 28

MUSIC HALL

Aerosmith Fri., Dec. 6

Genesis Mon., Dec. 9